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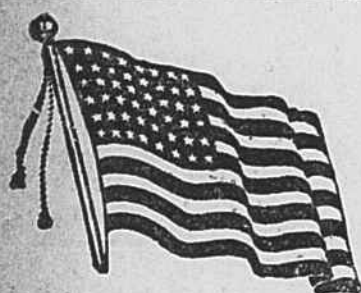
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THE AMERICAN CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

BAD HOUSING SCHEME.

IN Baltimore the housing situation has become so acute, in spite of the fact that there has been more building activity there this year than in most towns, that a plan to have the municipality go into home building on a large scale is being seriously considered. A bill appropriating a million dollars for the purchase of suitable sites and the erection of dwellings has actually been introduced into the first branch of the city council.

As a remedy for a desperate situation that might do if the details were worked out carefully, and the fact that but one million is to be provided indicates clearly that the details have not been worked out at all. A million dollars would not begin to solve the housing problem of towns the size of Fairmont. But however carefully the financial planning is done, it ought to be clearly realized that the tendency is in the wrong direction and that in the long run it would retard rather than advance the growth of the community.

The best asset any town can have is a large number of home owners. Where a large percentage of the voters own their own homes the government is apt to be on a higher plane and administered in a more economical and business like way. On the other hand if the municipality were to become a landlord on a large scale the tenants of the municipality will in a very short time begin to use their political power to exact privileges and concessions which would disturb the whole property owning and leasing situation.

The most that any town ought to attempt to do along housing lines is to help the people to acquire their own homes. That applies to housing programs undertaken by associations of citizens organized for the purpose of helping communities to grow as well as to municipalities and governments of all classes. Landlordism on a large scale is an evil any way you take it, and now that there is a scarcity of houses all over the country and a great variety of plans are under consideration to secure relief that fact should be borne in mind.

Let's help men and women to build and buy their own homes on as large a scale as possible, but let's not have anything to do with schemes which seek to make tenantry a rule in this country.

NOTHING CAN STOP IT.

IF the wet forces of the country were still hoping that congress would do something for them that hope was dashed by the refusal yesterday of the Judiciary committee of the house to report out a bill repealing the war time prohibition insofar as it applies to beer and light wines. From a parliamentary standpoint that refusal does not exhaust

their resources, but time is running rapidly against them, and with the committee decision adverse there is not the slightest prospect that they could get a repeal measure through before the prohibition act goes into effect at the end of this month. And experience proves that it is hard, if not actually impossible, to get an American legislative body to backtrack upon action taken upon moral grounds. Although the war prohibition act was passed ostensibly as a food conservation measure, the force behind the movement which made the enactment possible was distinctly moral.

It is apparent that the brewers do not mean to pay any attention to the mandate of the law. They have their plans all made to continue the manufacture and sale of beer of two and three-quarters per cent alcoholic content as long as they can keep the courts from stopping them. It may be some months before the courts and the government can get around to the point where brewing and the sale of this so called non-intoxicating beer can be brought to an end, but no one but a brewer or a lawyer who has just pocketed a fat retainer can possibly believe that such a beverage will pass scrutiny of the courts, and it is pretty safe to say that when July first opens this nation will be started on the road to becoming alcoholless, in the ordinary sense, within a few years and that there will be no long halts in the progress.

True, many people believe that this is a mistaken policy. Some of them hold to this belief with a sincerity that admits of no doubt, but all the scientific testimony is on the other side, and the practical abolishment of intoxicating beverages will work such marked changes for the better along economic, moral and physical lines that long before the country actually is dry the correctness of the movement against liquor will be generally admitted, as indeed it is generally admitted now in all the prohibition states.

MEXICAN RELATIONS.

IN spite of the fact that there seems to have been a clear understanding between the government at Mexico city and the government at Washington covering the case, President Carranza's confidential ambassador at the American capital, General Candido Aulair, yesterday issued a formal statement in which he denounced the sortie of American soldiers across the international line at Juarez as an invasion of the sovereignty of Mexico.

So far the American government has paid no attention to the Aulair outgiving, but it is perhaps significant that the United States forces on the border have been strengthened and the whole situation is being tightened up. This attitude ought to give satisfaction generally throughout this country, which has been clamoring for a firm stand on the Mexican question for years, but one ought not to be too sure about that.

For a century Mexico has been a factor in our politics. It was as troublesome, at times, before the Civil war as it has been since the collapse of the Diaz regime, and the man who is honest with himself will have to acknowledge that the Mexicans have played with our politicians in precisely the same way the Turks played with the statesmen of Europe up to the breaking out of the Great war.

Aulair's statement of yesterday is a part of this policy. Doubtless he was influenced by remarks which were made in both branches of congress by members of both political parties to venture it. If he succeeds in causing dissensions which will have the effect of weakening the stand taken by the government the plain citizen will have a right to conclude that the Mexicans can outguess us at the game of international relations.

Now is the opportunity to make Mexico stand and deliver in the matter of protection to American citizens and rights, and it should be taken advantage of enthusiastically, and with a united front.

Yesterday was a bad day for radicalism in this country, for the American Federation of Labor at its sessions in Atlantic City after a series of debates which veteran labor leaders say were the most bitter they ever heard, refused to endorse Russia's soviet government, voted against a general strike on July Fourth on behalf of Tom Mooney and refused to sanction a change of Labor day from the present date in September to the first of May "as a bond of affection to unite all the world of labor into universal brotherhood." American organized labor is keeping its head. It is not permitting itself to be stampeded, and as a result it will be able to win and hold more substantial advantages as a result of the changes which the war has wrought than the more impetuous workers of Europe will be able to show when the world quiets down to settled conditions.

The news from Europe this morning says that the Berlin cabinet is seven to seven for and against signing the new peace treaty, and that if President Ebert decides to sign there is likelihood of a new regime in Germany. That's political acumen for you. At this distance that kind of a cabinet split on such a question looks like the forerunner of a change in the government, no matter which way the cat jumps. As a matter of fact the signing of the peace treaty will let loose a political storm in every one of the first class powers, including this one, and there probably will not be any government now existing which will be able to withstand it.

There continues to be a surprising lack of interest in the coming municipal election in this city. This is a condition which ought to be disquieting to the good citizens of the town. There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction over the way the present government has been conducted, especially with regard to the police administration, but if the people do not stir themselves to get a better government there will be no improvement. Good municipal government is one of the few things that cannot be bought in cans on a moment's notice and in any one of a dozen flavors. To have it you must work for it, and now is the accepted time to work. Get busy, folks. Especially get busy in the search for the right kind of men to put on the tickets.

RUFF STUFF

Who can remember the time when there was a strong movement in this country for the erection of a memorial to those who served in the Great War?

Get busy, Henri!

My but those B. & O. flagmen must get a helluva distance back these hot nights.

But maybe the whistling done at the station here is for the benefit of folks up at Monongah.

And while the B. & O. is up for consideration, is it proper to inquire whether it is necessary to make all the smoke they do in the corporation thins.

Director General Hines has issued a special appeal for economy.

Lot might be saved simply by more careful firing right here in little old Fairmont.

However, it may be against railroad practice to fire a locomotive the right way.

At any rate it is not often done these days.

Cops enter strong denial that there was any knocking down of forfaits taken at the South Side poker game raid.

Their word is good enough but they have the goods to prove that they turned in all they got.

Cops were the victims of a vicious police system that should be changed.

When men who are arrested at poker games are run into the office, and compelled to put up forfeits at the desk after their pedigrees are taken, there will no opportunity for folks who perhaps have no kindly feeling toward the cops, to start stories that are not true.

Phil Knox, the bentam, weight-lifter from the Keystone state declared that the League of Nations covenant permits monarchists to dictate our policies.

We should worry about that.

There ain't gonna be any monarchists with dictating possibilities after things settle down.

New York Times reporter on the other side cables that an American regiment may stay on the Rhine for a period of years.

Well, if the Rhine is going to be anything like it used to be there ought not to be any trouble to get recruits for that regiment after the first of July.

YOUR NEXT.

Storage Battery should be a Prest-O-Lite. There is a correct size for every make and model of car. At the official Prest-O-Lite Service Station in this territory we will be glad to extend you every courtesy. Please remember that the Prest-O-Lite is the oldest service to automobile owners in America. South Side Service Station, 4th St. and Walnut Ave.—Adv.

Forrest Knight has accepted the position of chief clerk at the Fairmont. He has already entered upon his duties.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FAIRMONT, June 16.—[Editor West Virginian]—I enclose you a copy of some observations I make on the league of nations, which I authorize you to publish.

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RECLAMATION.
Awake ye Sons of Patriot Sires! Reclaim your own from false desires, Mooring into foreign bog and mire, Your free ship, State, your Dad's desire Built against a tyrant's ire; And, with flag unfurled from freedom's spire, Bequeathed to you from the Revolution's fire. Freedom's sons, alert before! The league of nations is a snare.

Awake, far adrift her cables broken, Strange sea tossed by error driven, Mid rocks and shoals (oh, loathe the story, Repeat it not in the name of glory) Columbia pleads for her returning Back to the port of her rightful mooring. Back to the home of "freedom's morning." Freedom's sons, alert beware! The league of nations is a snare!

Awake ye Sons, withhold your free consent From this unlawful covenant, For by its terms it would create An absolute imperial state, Ruled by foreign prince and potentate, To which your own would be subordinate— Such would be your country's fate. Freedom's Sons, alert, beware! The league of nations is a snare.

Awake ye sons authority is by the law, And loyalty maintains the law. Ask of them that would have this league Which is not law but base intrigue, "From whence is thine authority To surrender our country's sovereignty To this foreign born monstrosity?" Freedom's Sons, alert, beware! The league of nations is a snare.

Awake ye Sons, be warned in full; The league of nations is "Johnny Bull" Who, by his selected few, the Mikado, Clemenceau, and your own Woodrow, Joining Albion's greed to pagan lust, Would on your country's sacred dust, Build his world submerging trust. Freedom's Sons, alert, beware! The league of nations is a snare.

Awake ye sons, cherish yet the story From Bunker Hill to Yorktown's glory, Who would eschew it is yet a tory, And against this monster, loth impetuous, Avow the Independence Declaration As your covenant and ultimatum, And yet remain an independent nation. Sons of Sires loyal and true, Even our own Red, White and Blue.

TRUTHS AND TRAVESTIES

By th' Bard.

Tenshun!

Just want ads seen recently:
WANTED—Boy to work in garden for widow lady not over twelve years old.
WANTED—Good work horse by man without heaves, ring bone, or other infirmities.
FOR SALE—Ten pure blood White Leghorn hens by gentleman who has laid 1276 eggs since January first.
FOR RENT—Three furnished rooms by a man having a fine southern exposure.
LOST—Poodle dog by little girl with tag bearing name "Puddles" and with four brown feet.
Parade Rest!

Here is a good one that Miss Amy Rogers Rice, of the Normal school, laughed at uproariously when it was related to her: What instrument is best adapted to the playing of foot notes? The answer is, a shoe horn.

Present Arms!
The girl in the Office says she sees a lot about people expectorating on the streets and she wishes there was some way always to make people be on time for once she had an appointment with Earl Knight and had to stand there on the Martin corner expectorating for more than twenty minutes before he showed up.

Ground Arms!
Here's to the girls on the beaches, Those darling, adorable peaches— With their one piece suities The dear vamping cuties That "figures don't lie" they teach us.

Gas Alerts!

A "T" square:
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All Hands on Deck!
THE DIARY OF AN AMAZING ADVENTURE.

By Prof. I. Lily Kell.
June 15, 3000—The Ozon Cab is attaining a speed of 1400 miles an hour which is somewhat faster than the speed of our fastest aerial transports.

This brings to mind the pygmy aeroplanes of the early nineteenth century which, according to historical data, traveled through the air at no more than 140 miles an hour or even less than our present B. & O. aerial service. It also makes me think of the land-traveling things of earlier times named "automobiles" among which were certain peculiarly interesting types known as "bivvies" and "tin lises." The popular phrase "a fiver on the road" is worth two pence in the ditch, originated in the year 1915 and I judge pertains to this kind of automobile which performed better than all the rest.

History further indicates that a great advertising propagandist named

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Editorial:—

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\$4.50 and \$12.50

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Many different styles—round necks, surplice necks, V necks, clip-on and open front models in all the bright, gay colors imaginable. Turquoise, Copen, Salmon, Pink, Jade, Rose, Gold, Purple and Khaki.

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Aurora Mine Stars Up.

Aurora mine of the Greater Fairmont Investment company began work here today on a four car a day contract, by a special arrangement with the men and consent of the union by which they lead the lump coal only and then load the slack certain days of the week, as the tipple is not equipped with screens. This is going to work this mine to its full capacity. Aurora mine has not been working since the first of the year.

This new development together with the building operation here is giving work to a number of persons and men without a job and nothing in sight are hard to find and altogether a more optimistic spirit is in the air.

Box Supper at Church.

The young people's organization of the Sunday school will hold a box supper at the church Friday night, the 20th. Proceeds to be used for the benefit of the church.

Children's Day.

The Sunday school will give a children's day program next Sunday night, the 22d.

Contractors Making Headway.

The Keely Construction company is making headway on the line connecting the B. & O. here with the By-Products plant. The steam shovel has cut through the long cut in Hoult's field, finished the big fill here, crossed over and is beginning the cut on the Snider farm.

Bugs

Won't Abide With You

There is little use in permitting bugs to abide with you, and there is absolutely no pleasure or enjoyment and little prospect of perfect health when you abide with them. Banish bugs with the periodical use of OUR BIG KILLER. Whether bed bugs, ants, roaches, fleas, etc., they all get the same dose when you use the preparation and they never come back.

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